



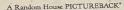
This is my book. My name is

Will you please read it to me?

Thank you.

The Adventures of PINOCCHIO

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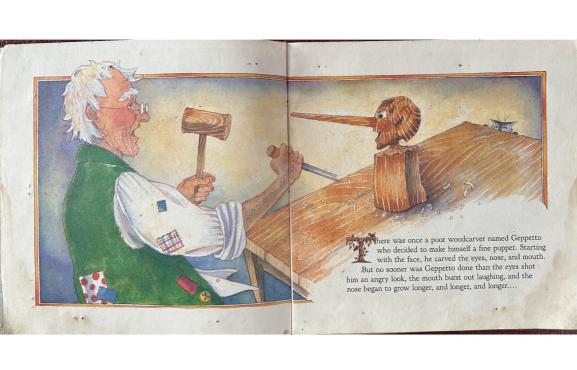


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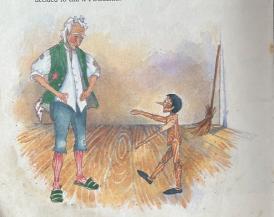
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Geppetto tried to whittle the nose down to size, with little luck. Sighing, he continued carving the rest of the puppet. How grand it looked once it was done! Geppetto decided to call it Pinocchio.





Pinocchio ran until he came to a small forest. There he heard a cri-cri-cri sound. It was a cricket! "Listen to me, Pinocchio," the cricket said. "Little boys who run away and don't obey their parents will never be happy." And with that the cricket disappeared into the forest.

"What a silly cricket," thought Pinocchio. "What does he know about *anything?*" And he stretched, lay down, and took a nap.

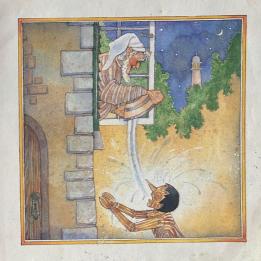
When Pinocchio awoke he was very hungry. So he headed for the village and rang the bell of the nearest house.

"What do you want at this hour?" mumbled a sleepy man from a second-floor window.

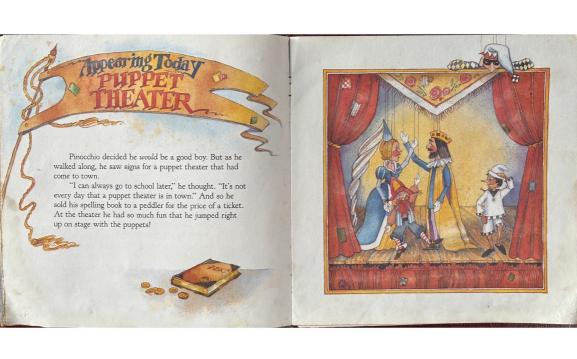
"Please, could you help a poor, hungry boy?" said Pinocchio.

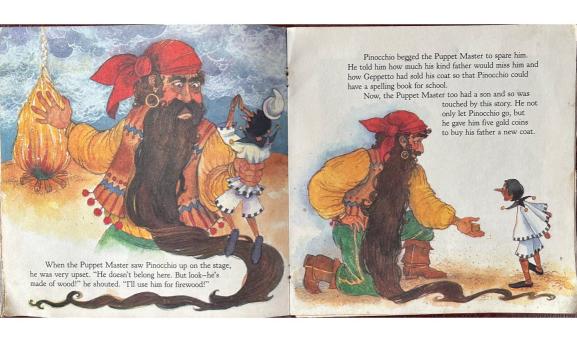
"Just a minute, dear lad," said the man. Pinocchio waited, his mouth watering.

"Put out your hands," the man yelled down a moment later. And the next thing Pinocchio knew, a basin of icecold water came pouring down all over him!











Pinocchio ran off and soon came upon a fox and a cat. "Your father is looking everywhere for you, Pinocchio," said the fox. "But he is cold, for he has no coat."

"Well, I'm about to buy him the finest coat with these five gold coins," said Pinocchio.



"That is not nearly enough for a coat," said the cat.
"But if you bury those coins in the Field of Miracles, a
tree will grow that bears hundreds of gold coins."

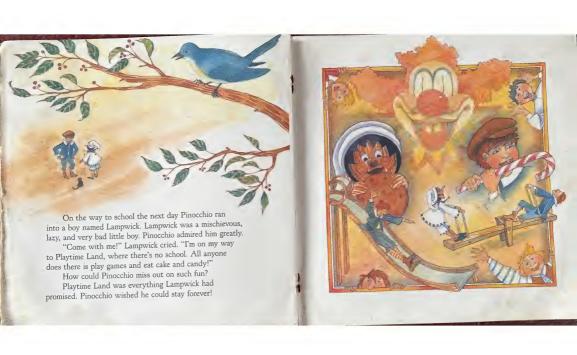
That night Pinocchio went to the Field of Miracles. Suddenly he heard a great rustling in the grass. Two pairs of eyes gleamed at him from the darkness. Pinocchio swiftly hid the gold pieces under his tongue. But the thieves were quick. One of them shot his arm straight into Pinocchio's mouth. Pinocchio bit down hard and felt not a hand but a furry cat's paw! The creature howled in pain and disappeared from sight.



The next morning Pinocchio came upon a small cottage. A beautiful blue-haired fairy opened the door. Pinocchio told her all about the fox and the cat, and she asked him what had happened to the coins. Now, the coins were in Pinocchio's pocket, but he said that he had lost them. No sooner had he said this than his nose grew and grew—and grew longer yet!

When the blue fairy felt Pinocchio had maybe learned his lesson, she called in some woodpeckers, who pecked on his nose until it was back down to its former size. From that day on, whenever Pinocchio told a lie, his nose would grow and grow...

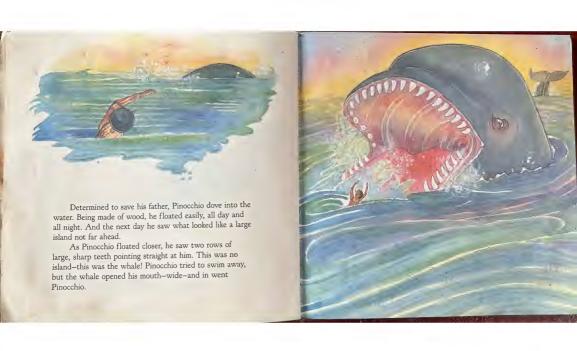


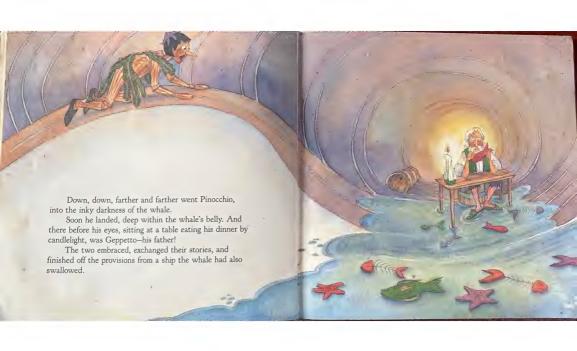








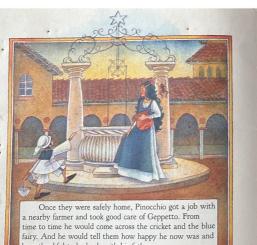






"Oh, Papa," said Pinocchio when they were done eating. "There is no time to lose. We must escape!" With that he took his father on his back and swam back up to the whale's mouth, for he could hear the whale snoring and knew he was asleep. Quietly, quietly, Pinocchio and Geppetto made their way over the whale's tongue, over his horrid teeth, out his open mouth, and into the sea.





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